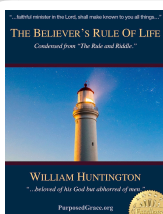


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(HABAKKUK 2:4)



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THE DOCTRINE OF CHRIST

“...HE THAT ABIDETH IN THE DOCTRINE OF CHRIST,
HE HATH BOTH THE FATHER AND THE SON.” (2 JOHN 1:9)

Charles Spurgeon once wrote “...I love to proclaim these strong old doctrines, that are called by nickname Calvinism, but which are surely and verily the revealed truth of God as it is in Christ Jesus.”

Well, that may be its nickname however, I'm sure Calvin would agree that we ought to call it by its proper name. What name might that be? The Doctrine of Christ, for it is not Calvin's teaching but rather the Lord's.

Why is it so important for us to receive, indeed to love these blessed truths? The apostle John tells us very plainly, “*Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son.*” (2 JOHN 1:9)

Be sure you receive it, for whosoever does not abide, whosoever does not continue, in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God! Read and consider

the doctrine of our Lord. May he grant you grace to receive it, for if you do not receive His doctrine, you most certainly do not receive Him.

TOTAL DEPRAVITY

"...out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness...without ME ye can do nothing" [Read MARK 7, JOHN 15]

UNCONDITIONAL ELECTION

"...unto you it is given to know the mystery of the kingdom of God...no one can come to ME, unless the Father who sent ME draws him..." [Read MARK 4, JOHN 6]

LIMITED ATONEMENT

"...I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth HIS life for the sheep...HE will put the sheep on HIS right, and the goats on the left" [Read JOHN 10, MATTHEW 25]

IRRESISTIBLE GRACE

"...HE saith unto him, Follow ME. And he arose, and followed HIM... no man can come unto ME, except it were given unto him of my Father" [Read MATTHEW 9, JOHN 6]

PERSEVERANCE OF THE SAINTS

"...I give eternal life to them, and they shall never perish...It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely." [Read JOHN 10, REVELATION 21]

PASTOR

LOOKING UNTO JESUS

*"LOOKING UNTO JESUS THE AUTHOR AND FINISHER OF OUR FAITH..."
(HEBREWS 12:2)*

[Beloved,] ...just pause to ask your own heart, are you so looking to Jesus? Is He, in your view, both the Author and Finisher of [your] faith? Many there are, who seem very willing to make him the Author, but feel somewhat reluctant to accept him as the Finisher. [Ask yourself this question...] How did I first look to Jesus? Was it not as a poor, helpless, friendless, needy, self-condemned sinner? And have I anything of my own now, to recommend me any otherwise? Let this question be fairly applied to the heart, under divine teaching, and sure I am there will not be a child of God upon earth, if truly taught of God...ready to make Jesus as much the Finisher as the Author both of his faith and salvation.

PASTOR ROBERT HAWKER 1753-1827

THE GLORIOUS GOSPEL OF CHRIST

“...THE LIGHT OF THE GLORIOUS GOSPEL OF CHRIST, WHO IS THE IMAGE OF GOD.”

(2 CORINTHIANS 4:4)

Oh! what beauty and blessedness shine forth in the gospel, when we view it connected with the Person and work of the Son of God! Take the doctrines of grace isolated from the Person of Christ; they are scattered limbs; there is no beauty in them; but view the truths of the gospel, in connection with the Person and work of the Son of God, what a heavenly light, what a divine glory is cast upon every truth connected with his sacred Person, atoning blood, finished work, and dying love! This is the way to receive the gospel--not as a thing of shreds and patches, a mere collection or scheme of certain doctrines floating up and down God's word, as waifs and strays from a stranded ship; but as one harmonious gospel, full of grace, mercy, and truth, impregnated with divine blessedness, and all connected with, all springing out of, the Person of the God-man.

How it seems to lift us up for a time, while the feeling lasts, above sin, misery, and wretchedness, to view our completeness in Christ, to see our saving interest in his finished work, to behold ourselves members of his mystical body, to triumph in his holy triumphs, to rejoice in his victories, and to ascend with him above the smoke and stir of this dim spot that men call earth. As one might rise out of a London fog into a pure atmosphere, and bask on some mountain-top in the bright beams of the sun, so the dear saint of God, when he is privileged to read his title clear, see his name in the book of life, feel the love of God in his heart, and rejoice in Christ, is lifted up above the fog and smoke of this dim spot, and sitting with Christ in heavenly places, he feels a sweet victory over every foe internal, external, and infernal.

And there is no other way whereby we can get out of it. Like a man in the London fog, struggling on with fog in the east, west, north, south, fog and smoke all around; so it is while we are struggling onward with sin and self--north, south, east, and west, there is nothing but fog, fog, deep and dense. We must be raised out of it to the mountain-top, and this only can be by being lifted up by a sweet testimony of saving interest in the blood and love of the Son of God. This lifts up, this lifts out; this gives strength, and this alone will give victory; and so far as we fall short of realizing these precious things, we grope for the wall like the blind, and stumble in desolate places like dead men.

It is true that for the most part the saints of God only have a little of these blessed things, from time to time, just brought in and taken away, but sufficient to taste their sweetness, to know their beauty, to see their glory, and therefore sufficient, while they last, to help them onward in their course, and keep them struggling on, until they reach that eternal glory.